[24th March 1955

(*b*) why this allotment was not utilized in that hospital, but was transferred to the Government Hospital at Mangalore?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government ordered in 1951, while the late Dr. T. S. S. Rajan was the Minister for Health, that 1,000 milligrams of radium bromide, which had been kept at Vellore, be converted into radium needles. The Director of Medical Services then suggested that 250 milligrams of radium needles out of 1,000 milligrams of radium to be made from the radium bromide. might be earmarked for use at the Erskine Hospital, Madurai. This suggestion was accepted by Government. It was, however, ordered that the quantity of radium earmarked for the Madurai hospital should be retained at the Barnard Institute of Radiology till a Cancer Unit was organized at Madurai. Since a Cancer Unit has not so far been opened at Madurai the radium is kept at the Barnard Institute of Radiology as already ordered."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVAR :—" As Madurai City with a huge population is the most prominent and ancient city of South India, it deserves greater consideration in the matter of supply of radium needles than Mangalore City. So, will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to supply these radium needles to Madurai in preference to Mangalore? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, no radium needles have so far been sent to Mangalore. Madurai, has a teaching hospital and a Cancer Unit will be shortly opened there. The difficulty is want of properly trained staff for this work. At Madurai a radio-therapist has been appointed from October 1954 and a physicist is to be posted there. In the budget memorandum, the hon. Member will find that provision has been made for the purchase of a deep X-ray unit for Madurai. A Cancer Unit will be started there shortly."

Travelling allowance to Gramasevaks.

* 1601 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any discrimination in the scale of travelling allowance granted to the Gramasevaks having jurisdiction over a whole taluk, recruited from among the Revenue Inspectors and Agricultural Assistants ; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) There is no Gramasevak who has jurisdiction over a whole taluk.

" (*b*) Does not arise."